

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3 and 7 to 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Loffler et al. (US 6,748,860). Claims 2 and 4 to 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Loffler et al. in view of Isogawa et al. (JP 10,307,731).

Claim 1 has been amended for clarity. Claims 13 to 15 have been added. Support is found at [0009], [0024] and Fig. 2 for example.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

Claims 1, 3 and 7 to 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Loffler et al. (US 6,748,860).

Loffler discloses a color screen with two image areas 10 and 11. The window 10 displays a printing image 12.1. The image in the window 10 is an actual printing image 12.1 produced electronically on the color screen (See col. 4, lines 55 to 60). Only printed sheet 9 on the back surface is a physical representation of the image.

The present invention is directed to superimposing data on an actual physical printed material, as described at [0009], as opposed to the electronic image generated on screen 3 of Loffler.

Claim 1 has been clarified to add the language of [0009], “a device graphically superimposing, on physically-existing printing material printed by the printing material processing machine, data to be displayed.”

Loffler does not have a device superimposing any data on a physically-existing printing material as claimed in claim 1. The screen 3 of Loffler produces solely an electronic image, and no superimposing occurs on any physical printing material. Nor would it have been obvious to so modify Loffler, as Loffler specifically desires an electronic image on screen 3. With the actual printed or reference image 9 of Loffler, clearly no superimposing occurs.

Withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1, 3 and 7 to 12 for these reasons is respectfully requested.

With further respect to claim 8, it is not understood which separate device of Loffler is being referred to. Loffler clearly does not have both “a device graphically superimposing, on

physically-existing printing material printed by the printing material processing machine, data to be displayed” and “a display device for graphically displaying the printing material and for graphically superimposing the data to be displayed on the graphical display of the printing material” as claimed.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

Claims 2 and 4 to 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Loffler et al. in view of Isogawa et al. (JP 10,307,731).

Isogawa also does not teach superimposing any data on a physical printed material, but rather on a screen.

In view of the above with respect to claim 1, withdrawal of the rejections to claims 2 and 4 to 6 is respectfully requested.

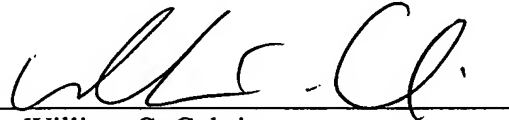
New Claims

New claims 13 to 15 recite features also not shown by Loffler, and their allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,
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